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Mill Green Road  
Street, Maryland 21154

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI # 130096 1504

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mill Green Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Frank Famous's House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank E. Famous

Telephone #: 452-8261

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21154

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 526

Folio #: 214

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This large, frame house is on a hill located east of Broad Creek and Robert's Mill. The house is el-shaped and faces north. The dwelling is two stories high and four bays on the north facade while the wing, which faces west, is six bays by two. There are two dormers in the gable flank, slate roof of the wing. All windows throughout this house are one over one.

There is a one story porch on the north side of this house and on the west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Mill Town	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Aegis, "Two Hundred Years on John's Adventure," by Mary Bristow, June 30, 1977.

Baltimore, 1901.

Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County Press of the Sun Book Office,

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Balt. 1967.

Harford County Directory, 1953.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60.34 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property is bounded by the property of William W. Boyer on the south, the property of Richard D. Poteet on the north. Broad Creek runs through this tract of ground.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

DATE

1/78

TELEPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Title Search  
96, 97, 99, 100

GRG	526	214	1959	Grantor: Gordon D. Sanford Grantee: Frank E. Famous Acreage: 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
GRG	371	463	1952	Grantor: Joseph E. Orr Grantee: Gordon D. Sanford Acreage: 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres
GRG	365	14	1951	Grantor: Charles H. MacNabb, executor Grantee: Joseph E. Orr
DGW	206	333	1927	Grantor: Mabel May Huff Grantee: John W. Galbreath, Jr. Acreage: 64 acres
JAR	169	145	1920	Grantor: Ellsworth Huff Grantee: Lester Huff
WSF	102	429	1901	Grantor: Charity Huff Grantee: John Huff Acreage: "Jones' Gift" and "John's Adventure"
WSF	75	350	1893	Grantor: George Huff Grantee: Charity Huff
ALJ	9	377	1858	Grantor: James S. Robinson Grantee: George Huff Acreage: 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres
CWB	7	300	1856	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Robinson Grantee: Heirs of John Robinson Acreage: "Jones' Gift" and "Clark's Dunmerry"
CWB	7	274	1855	Grantor: Sarah Robinson Grantee: John Robinson
SR	1	444	1828	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Sarah Robinson Grantee: John Robinson
HD	10	272	1827	Grantor: William Richardson Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

HD	X	140	1815	Grantor: Harvey Stokes Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 85 acres
HD	W	317	1811	Grantor: Joseph Stokes Grantee: Harvey Stokes Acreage: 84 acres
HD	Y	47	1814	Grantor: John Ashmore Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
JLG	N	364	1797	Grantor: Executors of Col. Ignatius Wheeler Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 51 acres
JLG	N	364	1771	Grantor: Joseph Renshaw Grantee: Col. Ignatius Wheeler

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Frank Famous' house

AND/OR HISTORIC: \_\_\_\_\_

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side Mill Green Road about 0.1 mi south of Prospect Road (Md 646)

CITY OR TOWN: Mill Green

STATE: Maryland COOE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Harford COOE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Frank E Famous

STREET AND NUMBER: RFD, Mill Green

CITY OR TOWN: Street STATE: Maryland COOE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Maryland COOE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ COOE: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE



## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Large frame house, probably built for a multiple family house - or for several members of one family. L-shaped, two stories, it faces north, with a one-story porch on the front. A long side porch runs along the west side of the wing, and is accessible ~~through~~ from three doors.

~~the main house is~~ the main house is four bays by a double bay, the long wing is six bays by two, and there are two dormers in the slate roof in the wing. All windows are one over one.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☒Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The's family has owned several houses  
in the Mill Green village for years -  
and have combined dairy farming with  
work in the old mill.

Multi family housing has precedent here.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton Our Annapolis Heritage p 177-8

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Jean S. Swirp</u>		
ORGANIZATION: <u>Maryland Historic Trust</u>	DATE: <u>Jan '70</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>50 State Circle</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Annapolis</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	COOE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS





Mill Green Hotel/Frank Famous'

Home HA-96

Street, MD 21154

Susan M. Deeney

1/78

North